GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Quality of Seeds
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some seed producing companies are supplying substandard/ fake/ spurious seeds to the Government agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against such companies to protect the farmers/consumers interests?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): No State Government has reported that seed producing companies are supplying sub-standard/fake/spurious seeds to the Government agencies. Moreover, the quality of seeds supplied to the farmers is ensured through the Seeds Act, 1966, the Seed Rules, 1968, the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 and the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 under which State Governments have been empowered to appoint seed inspectors, establish Seed Testing Laboratories and take appropriate measures like, issue of warning, show cause notices, stop sale order, trial in the count etc., to curb the sale of spurious seeds in the country. The State wise progress report of Seed Law Enforcement for the last year is at Annexure-I.